

**REMARKS**

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of November 29, 2004. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

**The Office Action**

**Claims 18-26 and 33** stand objected to for informalities.

**Claims 18-30** stand rejected under 35 USC §101 as claiming the same invention as that of **claims 1-14** of prior US Patent No. 6,769,744.

**Claims 31-33** were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

**Objections to Claim Informalities**

**Claims 18-26** have been canceled. **Claims 31 and 33** have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. Therefore, **claim 31**, along with **claims 32 and 33** which depend therefrom, is in condition for allowance.

**35 USC §101**

**Claims 18-30** have been canceled.

**Claims 34-40**

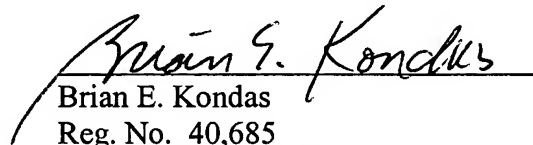
New **claims 34-40** have been presented and patentably define over the cited references.

**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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